

Come to the Red Cross Carnival, Skating Rink, Wednesday, February 19



Red Cross Notes

A very nice start has been made by the members and friends of the war work board. At the meetings the last two Tuesdays one comfort was completed and quilted, one quilt top was pieced of flannelette, scraps and quilted, one quilt top was pieced of men's suits that had been ripped, washed and pressed, besides work being done on the making of pyjamas, boys' shirts, etc.

Anyone having flannelette pieces of any color, or discarded work clothing that could be made into these warm quilts, the work committee would be very grateful for help of this kind.

Next Tuesday the sewing box will be held at the home of Mrs. Ross McFarland. Any volunteer help will be greatly appreciated.

A Red Cross executive meeting was held at the manse Monday evening, Rev. E. Longmire presiding. Final arrangements were made and committees were formed for the big ice carnival to be held at the local rink Wednesday, February 19th. A booth for the selling of wieners, buns, coffee and doughnuts, is being planned. There is a whisper that a junior Red Cross may be formed in the very near future to give our boys and girls a chance to do their small bit to help in this most worthy cause.

RED CROSS APPEAL

There's more that goes to win a war than tanks and planes and guns—Than men prepared to do their best To overthrow the Huns.

The home front too must play its part And you can do your bit To help our gallant fighting lads By starting now to knit.

You cannot knit too many things To keep out wet and cold, Like mittens, helmets, socks and scarves.

Go to it, young and old. The Army, Navy, R.A.F. Are counting on your aid. Your ammunition, "Red Cross Wool" Till Adolf's bill is paid.

—Miss M. E. Richardson.

MOTORISTS BUILT THE ROADS

Motor car owners of Alberta contributed the huge sum of approximately \$40,000,000.00 by way of special taxation between January 1st, 1922 and March 31st, 1939. Adding to that sum prospective receipts from gas taxes and motor licenses for the current year, it is believed that the total is sufficient to cover the entire expenditure by the provincial government over the years mentioned. This expenditure includes construction of highways, ferries and bridges, together with the expenses of departmental administration and maintenance, also interest on the money expended at five per cent per annum.

The motor car owners of Alberta have thus actually built the highway systems out of their own pockets during the years 1922 to 1940 inclusive.

Mr. A. W. Maguire, president of the Calgary branch of the Alberta Motor Association, gave this information to the public in the course of an interview in which he voiced the opinion that all money received from gasoline taxes and motor licenses should be earmarked for the exclusive purpose of highway building and maintenance.

Chlor jelly is an excellent accompaniment for turkey. Or mold it in ring shape, fill the centre with chilled diced fruit and surround it with salad dressing. Serve as first course salad.

Hockey Notes

After the official score showed three to nothing for Holden in the second period of a league game played here on February 10th, the Irma team gradually pushed ahead until at the end of regulation time it was three all. Ten minutes overtime was then played without either side scoring although there was once that the Irma players claimed a goal was made for them. However it was not counted and the score remained a tie at the end of the game.

The game opened up with Holden taking the lead by scoring two goals early in the first period. The Irma boys gradually warmed up to the attack in the second period but not until Holden had scored the third time. Before the period ended, Hendricks made one for Irma. In the third period the Irma team got up to their usual pace and scored twice, Jones getting one and Hendricks assisted by Jones the last one.

Robinson scored all three goals for Holden, assisted by Logan in one of them and B. Grycan the other two. It was a very fine clean game all the way through.

Holden—Ovens, Dorin, Logan, Robinson, Good, B. Grycan, Crooks, P. Grycan, N. Grycan and B. Godeau. Irma—Inkin, Jones, Guilmer, Torg, Smith, Hendricks, Glasgow, A. Sonoff and Carter.

Referee—R. L. Martin.

The Irma Pee Wees went to Wainwright Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8, for a game and came home at the small end of a 7 to 0 score.

Tickets on a large and handsome box of chocolates were sold previous to the Irma—Holden game and the draw made that evening. Mr. John Ostad was the lucky winner.

On Thursday, February 6th, Orbindale suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the Irma juniors. The hockey was good and the game was hard fought all the way through. Irma scorers were: Webber from Jones, McFarland from Elford, Jones from McFarland.

Irma—McFarland, Elford, Webber, Raham, Knudson, McMillan, Jones, Simmermon, G. Inkin, T. Sonoff. We were unable to get the Orbindale lineup.

Referee—W. Inkin.

Saturday witnessed another victory for the juniors. This time the visiting team was Roseberry. The score was 5-4. This game was characterized by considerable rough hockey and a few minor heated discussions.

Don Savard came through with all of Roseberry's goals while S. Fenton garnered assists in three of these. Irma scorers were Simmermon and Elford with one each and Raham with three.

Irma—McFarland, Elford, Webber, McMillan, Raham, Charter, Simmermon, T. Sonoff.

Roseberry—J. Meyer, Walker, D. Savard, M. Younker, F. Younker, B. Whiteley, F. Meyer, S. Fenton, A. Jones, A. Cook.

Referee—P. Inkin.

AIR WAVES

With Canada's war effort becoming a real and tangible thing, radio is taking its place with other advertising media to bring the fact to the attention of listeners—and the listeners are hearing plenty. The war savings committee for the dominion have taken time on the CBC to bring such presentations as "Our Family" every week, Monday through Friday at 5:15 p.m., and then the All-Star War Savings Program every Friday night for a full hour, commencing at 8:15.

After listening to these presentations I am sure that we all will have a clearer understanding of just what is expected of us and that we all will be in there to the best of our ability. With all of us with our shoulders to the wheel we will be doing our part to smash the juggernaut that Hitler drives as well as all that Nazism stands for.

Onion or fish odors can be removed from the hands by rubbing them with dry mustard or salt and then rinsing them in clear water.

Albert District News

Mrs. R. C. Johnson and Mrs. L. H. Bars were sponsors for the card party at the school on Friday, January 31. War savings stamps were won by Mrs. W. E. Ramsay and John Bars.

Mr. N. Babji is home again from Mannville hospital.

Albert local U.F.A. held a meeting in the school on Monday night. The purchase of war savings certificates with Local funds is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Annual meeting of the local school board was held on Friday, February 7. New trustees elected were L. H. Bars and A. R. McRoberts who will finish the term for Pte. Matheson.

Women's Institute Program for 1941

Following is the program of the Irma W.I. for the year 1941. The dates, names, places, etc., appear in the order of: Month, Place of meeting, Paper, Raffle, Hostesses, and Roll call.

February—Hedley's hall: Mrs. E. Enger, Canadianization and immigration; Mrs. Hagen; Mrs. Martin; Mrs. Ott; Mrs. Fletcher; Your favorite cookie recipe.

March—Hedley's hall: Mrs. McFarland, education and better schools; Mrs. Percy Jones; Mrs. Long, Mrs. Enger, Mrs. Webber; Irish joke.

April—Hedley's hall: T. Sanders, legislation; R. Larson; Mrs. McMillan; Mrs. Fischer; Mrs. Hagen; My favorite pastime.

May—Hedley's hall: Reading from history of Women's Institute; Mrs. Long; Mrs. Barber; Mrs. C. Lacey; Mrs. McLean; Tribute to mother or mother's maiden name.

June—Hedley's hall: Mrs. Stougaard, household economics; Mrs. McLean; Mrs. Milburn; Mrs. A. Peterson; Mrs. J. Rae; My first impression of Irma.

July—Mrs. H. Peterson; Grandmother Day; Mrs. H. Peterson; Mrs. Stockton; Mrs. W. Stewart; Mrs. R. Larson.

August—Hedley's hall: Mrs. J. Rae, agriculture and Canadian industries; Mrs. McFarland; Mrs. Stougaard; Mrs. E. Rae; Mrs. Peachar; canning hints.

September—Hedley's hall: Mrs. Webber, handicraft; Mrs. Martin; Mrs. L. Peterson; Mrs. T. Sanders; Mrs. E. Sanders; My favorite musical instrument.

October—Hedley's hall: Mrs. Long, child welfare; Mrs. Milburn; Mrs. Thurston; Mrs. Weis; Mrs. C. Archibald; Favorite recipe supper dishes.

November—Hedley's hall: Plans for bazaar; Mrs. McMillan; Mrs. Anderson; Mrs. Batchelor; Mrs. Wilbrham; My favorite song.

December—Hedley's hall: annual meeting; Mrs. Milan; Mrs. Milan, Mrs. Arnold; Mrs. Watson; Donation for Christmas cheer.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

If Canada has a carryover of 576 million bushels of wheat on July 31, 1941, as forecast by the dominion bureau of statistics, it will mean that, on the basis of the current year's domestic requirements and probable exports which total 276 million bushels, there will be enough wheat on hand for two years without a bushel being raised in Canada. Furthermore there will be a carryover of 24 million bushels at the end of the two year period. Such a supply of wheat is sufficient to meet domestic requirements for 4½ years without any wheat being produced in the dominion.

Variety Concert

At IRMA FEB. 25th

A Variety Concert consisting of Dr. Greenberg's motion pictures, Wainwright artists and Irma talent will be held in Hedley's hall on Tues., Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. under the auspices of St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Adults 25c Children 15c

Speakers to Address District Wide Meeting on War Savings Pledge Campaign

In Elks Hall, Viking, Tuesday, Feb. 18

A public meeting on behalf of the February War Savings Pledge campaign will be held in the Elks hall on Tuesday, February 18th, commencing at 8 p.m. Mr. R. E. Staples and Mr. H. R. Miller of the Edmonton War Savings Committee will be present to address the meeting on the purpose of this drive which is now going on in all parts of the province, in fact, all over Canada.

All parts of the district are requested to be present and ladies are especially invited. Citizens from Irma, Jarrow, Kinsella, Philips and Bruce are also urgently requested to come and help make this the biggest and most successful meeting of its kind. Come and hear what these speakers have to say. This is part of Viking's war effort, and we must all do our share. Thumbs Up.

Social Crediters Hold Camrose Seat

SAVERS WINS SEAT FOR SOCIAL CREDIT IN CAMROSE VOTING

Springing into the lead with the first polls heard from and widening his margin as later returns rolled in, Chester J. Savers, Meeting Creek farmer and Social Credit standard-bearer, was elected to the legislature for the Camrose provincial constituency in a by-election held Thursday by the death last October of Hon. D. B. Mullen, then minister of agriculture. The unsuccessful candidate was Chester A. Koning, C.C.F. provincial leader.

With all 41 polls heard from, Mr. Savers rolled up an official total of 2,413 votes as against 1,867 for Mr. Koning, a lead of 546.

In the 41 polls the combined vote of the Social Credit and C.C.F. forces had tangled in a straight election fight.

Gold or silver cloth shoes will not tarnish if they are wrapped in black tissue when not in use. A black stocking pulled over the shoes may be used instead of black tissue paper.

Fugitive: Quick! Where can I hide? The police are after me. Office employee: In the filing cabinet. Nobody can ever find anything there.

CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, February 16
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week meeting in the church on Wednesday evening at the usual hour. Everyone cordially invited.

ANGELICAN CHURCH

The W.A. will hold a silver tea, sale of home cooking and apron sale in the Legion hall, Saturday, February 22nd.

The monthly meeting of the W.A. will be held on Tuesday, February 19, (one week earlier) at Mrs. Pryce Jones'. We trust all members will be present. Visitors are cordially invited.

Our church service last Sunday was well attended. Next Anglican service will be held February 23rd. A baby will be christened during the service.

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

English service, 2:30 p.m., Feb. 16.

Biscuits need a preheated, hot oven. Then you have to bake them only 10 or 15 minutes.

Mistress: I watched you kiss that policeman who called on you in the kitchen. Why did you do it?

New maid: Well, don't you know it's against the law to resist an officer?

SALE ON OVERSHOES

One Week Only

LADIES' FUR TRIM Reg. \$2.45, now.....	2.19	CHILDREN'S 3 Buckle Special.....	1.39
MISSES' 3 Buckle Pair.....	1.49	MEN'S 4 Buckle, rolled edge finest quality,.....	2.39
BOYS' 1 Buckle per pair.....	1.15	MEN'S FELT BOOTS per pair.....	2.25
FELT SOCKS Boys 1.89 Mens 2.19			

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OXYDOL Giant size.....	65c	CARAMEL CANDY ½ pound.....	15c

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The Source Of Strength

What is behind the morale which is supporting the British people in their hour of trial? What is back of the indomitable spirit which enables them to take the tremendous blows which they sustain when they are bombed out of house and home and come up again fighting? What is it, if it is not Christianity—a belief in God?

The gallant people of Great Britain, with their backs to the wall realize that they are fighting for the preservation, not only of their right to govern themselves in the way they choose, but also for the right to worship as they wish, for the right to remain Christians—the right to believe in God. They know that if they are conquered by Hitler and Nazism, they will no longer have the right even to their religious beliefs or of access to the source of the comfort which sustains them, under great difficulties and under unparalleled stress and strain.

The Sunday Express of London, about a year ago published an article by Dr. Hermann Raushning, former Nazi president of Danzig, in which he quotes Hitler as making the following declaration at a tea party, at which Raushning was present:

"The religions are all alike, no matter what they call themselves. They have no future—certainly none for the Germans... The Italians and the French are essentially heathens. Their Christianity is only skin deep. But the German is different. He is serious in everything he undertakes. He wants to be either a Christian or a heathen. He cannot be both. A German church, a German Christianity is distortion. One is either a German or a Christian. You cannot be both. We don't want people who keep one eye on the life in the hereafter. We need free men who feel and know that God is in themselves."

And a little earlier in the conversation, which occurred shortly after Hitler became Reich Chancellor, Hitler is quoted as discussing the possibility of Fascism and the Church coming to terms: "So shall I! Why not? That will not prevent me from tearing up Christianity root and branch, and annihilating its root and branch in Germany."

It was from that conversation, said Raushning, dated his inner revolution against National Socialism. "For now I began to understand its true nature and aims."

Behind The Resolve

Hitler's subsequent actions have served but to confirm in dire manner his intentions to impose this doctrine, not only upon his own people but of the entire world.

Is it any wonder that the democratic, free nations of the world who believe in God and cherish the right to worship him are willing to make every sacrifice that can be conceived to prevent this monstrous concept being fastened upon them? "We don't want people who keep one eye on the life in the hereafter."

It is just this right "to keep one eye on the life in the hereafter" that is giving the people of Britain the moral and spiritual strength to stand the hard knocks they are receiving and that is fortifying them in an undying resolve never to give in.

Playing Their Part

In 250 cities and towns of bomb-wrecked Britain are displayed in the public shelters and in private homes of the people a placard, issued by the Lord Mayors of York, of Sheffield, of Hull and of Nottingham, and endorsed by the mayor of many of the cities and towns of the country, including Bristol, one of those large centres which has been severely shattered.

Entitled "Morale—How to Play Your Part," this placard says in part: "Forget yourself in helping your neighbors. In days of tension this casts out your own fears and worries. Help them to carry out all instructions about air raids, evacuation, rationing and waste."

"Keep the moral standards of the nation high—Don't weaken the home front by trying to wangle something for yourself on the quiet. Make a break with all personal indulgence, selfishness and private wars, which undermine national morale and unity. Everybody has his and her part to play in the moral re-arming of the nation."

"Be a rumor stopper—Those who love their country sacrifice the luxury of being the ones to pass on the 'news.' Any patriot shoots a rumor dead on sight. Face the facts but don't exaggerate them. Prepare to meet them instead. Faith, confidence and cheerfulness are as contagious as fear, depression and grumbling."

"The secret of steadiness and inner strength is to listen to God and do what he says."

"Forearm yourself by listening to God the first thing every morning. This provides a clear plan for every day and the power to work with other people in complete unity.... He offers limitless reserves of energy and initiative."

"A British general who has fought through two wars says: 'Wires may be cut and wireless stations destroyed, but no bombardment can stop messages from God coming through, if we are willing to receive them. To listen to God and to obey Him is the highest national service for everybody everywhere.'"

Are we in Canada basing our sacrifice and war effort on the same foundation and are we relying on the same source of strength? It all depends upon the individual.

More Cheques Cashed

Bureau Of Statistics Report Shows Big Increase Last Year
Values of cheques cashed by chartered banks in 32 Canadian centres was \$34,437,000,000 in 1940 compared with \$31,617,000,000 in 1939. The Dominion bureau of statistics reported.

The report said "greater economic activity" reflected in the indices of employment and the physical volume of business was responsible for the increase.

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THE SPASMS OF
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British Defences

Hitler Will Meet Something When He Makes Invasion Attempt

Sir Walter Gifford, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, told Toronto workers at a mass meeting that "if ever there was a body of vigorous men it was that contingent which came over under General MacNaughten."

He said that with British defences in their present state "Hitler will never in all his life be more cordially welcomed than if he attempts to invade England."

"We were in great danger in June," Sir Walter said, "but the United States came to our aid. It can be told now. They sent us 850,000 rifles when we did not have one for every five men."

A little word is not a little thing; For it may make, and it may mar, a king.

No Extra Postage

Parcels Redirected To Any Branch Of Service Without Charge
Parcels addressed to any member of the naval, land or air forces in Canada that fail to reach the addressee owing to transfer of posts charges, the Canadian Legion was advised by Postmaster-General W. P. Mulock.

Decision to grant this privilege to men under arms came as a result of a letter from the legion to the postmaster-general citing an incident where heavy charges were made on a gift package that journeyed from one end of Canada to the other before it reached its destination. The legion acted on behalf of its Saskatchewan command to which the complaint from a service man was first made.

Mr. Mulock stated that instructions have now been issued that parcels addressed to men under arms must in future be redirected free of charge.

Want War Training

Women Of Britain Would Join The Home Guard

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Socialist M.P. for West Fulham, has again appealed to the authorities to allow women to join the Home Guard and learn to defend themselves.

"Is it conceivable that if there were an invasion the women of London, Liverpool and of Coventry would retire to their houses so as not to provoke the enemy?" she asked in the House of Commons.

"Would they not come out, bringing their household goods, if necessary, to barricade the streets? And who would applaud them most? Their men folk."

"One has to get rid of this idea that women are weak, gentle creatures who must be protected. You may think so, but the modern enemy does not think so. Why, then, should they not also be allowed to defend themselves? You must cast aside prejudices and dismiss the 19th century conception of womanhood."

English Prisoners Challenged

Defeated Nazi Guards At Soccer By Score Of 37 To Nil

Eleven Nazi guards at a camp of English prisoners in Germany fancied themselves as footballers, and challenged the prisoners to a game of soccer.

The prisoners didn't take long to pick a team, according to the account of the match received in London.

The English were leading by 27 goals to nil when the game came to an abrupt end.

Not until then did the humbled Germans learn that their opponents were the second team of the famous Aston Villa club of Birmingham. The players had snatched altogether during the early months of the war and were captured at Dunkirk.

SELECTED RECIPES

SCRAMBLED EGGS AND SAUSAGES

To serve six, crumble 12 Christie's Premium Soda Crackers, moisten with ½ cup milk, and stir in 4 eggs. Cook in a small amount of hot butter over moderate flame, stirring until thickened. Pan-fry 12 small link sausages. Serve eggs on warm platter surrounded with sausage.

PINEAPPLE PIE

1 package Lemon Jell-O
2 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup boiling water
2 egg yolks
1 cup canned pineapple juice
1½ cups drained crushed pineapple

1 baked 9-inch pie shell
Combine Jell-O, sugar, salt, and 2 tablespoons water. Add egg yolks and stir well. Add remaining water gradually, stirring until Jell-O is dissolved. Add pineapple juice. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in pineapple. Turn into cold pie shell and chill until firm. Serve plain or garnish with whipped cream and sprinkle with Baker's Coconut, if desired.

In Spite Of Handicap

Though Born Without Hands Girl Is Clever Shorthand-Typist

Eighteen-year-old Nan Lawrie, born without hands and with only one foot, is shorthand-typist in the clerk's department at Dundee, Scotland.

In engaging her, Lord Provost Wilson said: "Miss Lawrie had been studying shorthand for a year now and can write 100 words a minute by grasping the pencil between her two wrists." With her little stumps of wrists Nan types 55 words a minute.

Gaseous ammonia blown into irrigation water is being used as fertilizer in the West.

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Safety For Infants

A Special Warning Is Issued To Mothers By Toronto Doctor

A special warning to mothers has been issued by Dr. Alan Brown, physician-in-chief of the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. During the past year 11 infants have died of accidental suffocation, and these deaths are due, says Dr. Brown, to the fact that mothers had not followed some of the simple rules in infant care.

Suffocation took place in most cases because the mother had rolled over on the child sleeping in her bed, or the child was allergic to feather pillows, furs or elderdown, or had been left alone, with food in his mouth.

Dr. Brown advises mothers not to let the infant sleep in bed with them, not to use pillows in the child's bed, and never to leave the bottle in the baby's mouth when he is left alone. The infant should be fed at regular intervals, and then left, safely, to sleep or play. At all times the mother must be observant and cautious concerning the child's safety.—Toronto Star.

Has Long Neck

British Columbia Claim Has Neck Three Feet Long

When Panopea generous sticks his neck out it amounts to something. Imagine, if you please, a clam with a neck three feet long, or more. "Ridiculous?" Not so. There actually is a British Columbia clam which suffers a whole yard of pain if its neck chances to get sore. The name of the creature? Well, the scientific name has already been given. Panopea generosa, but the popular name is perhaps almost as amusing as the long neck for this clam is commonly called "goosey-duck," though the word is spelled "goudouk" or "goudouk."

"It's not abundant in British Columbia nor is it easy to take since it buries itself three feet or so in the sand. It is sought more for the fun of the thing than for any other reason and, indeed, in British Columbia's neighbor-state, Washington, just across the international border, there is a bag limit of three a day in clam hunting."—Canadian Fisheries Bulletin.

Hard To Define

Luxury Does Not Mean Same Thing To Every Person

What is a luxury? What rule guides the promotion of a seeming necessity into the higher bracket to find place among the things no longer indispensable? The matter has given rise to much discussion of late, and the diversity of expressed opinion is as wide as the ocean and almost as stormy. On examination it resolves itself largely into a revival of that age-old situation where the point of view depends upon whose ox is being gored.—Ottawa Journal.

Just A Routine Job

No Record Was Sought In Fast Trip Across Atlantic

When Capt. Pat Eves of London flew an American-built bomber plane across the Atlantic in an elapsed time of seven hours, the interval between breakfast and tea, he was probably not trying for a record, but merely performing the routine job of delivering the plane to England.

This is testimony to the progress aviation has made under the forced-draught pressure of war. Records tumble in the course of the everyday schedule. Undoubtedly Capt. Eves' 7-hour mark could be broken tomorrow if anyone had time to bother. No one will try, because it would risk a pair of good engines to push them harder than the safe cruising speed.

The military potency of a bomber that flies 1,800 miles in seven hours (although without a load of bombs) is something to think about. From London it could fly to Leningrad, Bucharest or Tripoli and back between lunch and a late supper. In the same time it could make two round trips to Berlin, or fly in a circle to Berlin to Belgrade to Rome and home again.

Modern Battles Different

Fought Over Vast Area They Cannot Be Decided Quickly

In total war, the front is everything in the range of military planes. So there is nothing to call the war over the Isles but the Battle of Britain, which may go on for a year or two, years, filled with incidents which would, in the older land warfare, be dignified each with its own name, but are lost now in the larger whole. Battles are no longer events like baseball, held on one ground on a hot afternoon and played to a quick decision. They are fought over a vast theatre, through a period of months, and in three dimensions. It is all confusing to those of us who are unaccustomed to getting along without an index in which names like Hastings and Waterloo and Gettysburg and Manila Bay are set down in convenient rows.—Detroit News.

Beating The Stukas

Britain Has Learned How To Cripple Nazi Dive Bombers

Hitler's Stuka divers have given a somewhat disturbing show of strength in the Mediterranean, but Britain has conquered them in the past, says the Hamilton Spectator, and she resolves to do so again. Her men aboard the trawlers in the English Channel have learned how to cripple these winged furies by a method of "fire-discipline" which consists in withholding fire until the Stuka is flattening out its dive.

Governments In Exile

Sources at Washington reported that Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., of Philadelphia, may go to London soon as ambassador to four countries whose governments are in exile. They are Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway. Biddle is ambassador to the Polish government in exile. He has been in the United States for several months.

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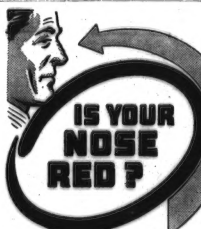
R. C. Berkinshaw, president of the Toronto board of trade, called on the governments, municipalities and individuals of Canada "to curtail non-essential expenditures as much as possible and to economize wherever practicable in those expenditures which, perhaps, may be regarded as essential."

Speaking at the board's annual dinner, he said that it was only just that Canadians, enjoying the "tragic paradox" of wartime prosperity, "should be content to bear... a greater share of the cost of conflict."

"I trust that the greater our present payment be, the better it will be for the generations to come," Mr. Berkinshaw said.

Odd Custom In China

The custom of China of sealing houses against outer air in cold weather sometimes causes death to entire families, when carbon monoxide gas is given off from the charcoal braziers used for heating.



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AGENT IN SABOTAGE

BY CRAIG RICE
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CHAPTER V.

The buzzer above her door roused Nancy Thorne from a Saturday afternoon nap. She stared at it sleepily for a minute, wondering what it meant. Then, suddenly wide awake, she pulled on her slippers and started for the door, as the buzzer sounded for a second time. "Telephone for you!" The landlady's voice echoed up two flights of stairs.

"I'll be right down," Nancy all but ran down the long stairs. Who could be telephoning? Pat probably. She hadn't heard from her beloved brother in a week. Or maybe it was Iris Bristow—though Iris was undoubtedly too busy with her flying lessons to have time to spare for a working girl. It might be Tom Cantwell. She secretly hoped that it might be.

But it was Hugo Blake's precise voice that came over the wire. "It looks like such a beautiful evening, Nancy. I wondered if you wouldn't have dinner, and perhaps go somewhere to dance with me?" "Yes, I'd love to!" The words came out in a rush. For a moment she half wished she could take them back.

"Fine. I'll call for you at 6." She stood by the telephone for a minute or two. Did she really want to go with Hugo Blake? She hardly knew him—save for the evenings in the past week when he had brought reports for her to copy, and taken them away again. Somehow he didn't seem like the kind of person it would be fun to go dancing with. Too serious, or something like that.

Her spirit began to rise, however, as she set about getting ready. At least she wasn't going to be left all alone on a Saturday night. She would have a chance to dress up and go somewhere. Suddenly, while she was planning up her coppery curls, preparatory to taking a bath, she began laughing.

It was like those Saturday nights in the summer time, when she was 17, when she and then Tom Cantwell, or when he and Pat decided to go off somewhere by themselves, scolding girls. She remembered how she used to wait until the very last minute, hoping he would change his mind and call, and then in desperation would agree to go out with that terribly unattractive boy next door, who used to peep at her for dates. He was homesy and didn't dance well, but at least she wouldn't be staying home on a Saturday night.

She washed out the rooming-house bathtub, filled it with water and added her last handful of bath

salts, resolved to take the most luxurious bath the meager facilities would afford. A bath, a facial and a manicure. By that time she felt almost gay.

What dress to wear? At least she had plenty of left-overs from better days. The white crepe with the sequin jacket? No, too formal. The printed dinner dress? That seemed a little too casual. At last she settled on a pale green organdy that billowed around her like a cloud, accenting, and high-lighting her glorious hair. The lovely little imported slippers that she'd considered throwing away because one sole was a trifle thin. Thank Heaven she'd kept them.

She added the last touch to her makeup just as the buzzer rang, announcing that Hugo Blake was below. Quickly she caught up a dark green wrap and the little sequin bag Pat had given her for Christmas, and hurried down the stairs, conscious at once of Hugo Blake's admiring glances, and her landlady's curious scrutiny.

"You look very beautiful," Hugo said.

Nancy wondered if she was blushing. It wasn't the kind of compliment one got from a man like Pat or Tom. Tom would have said, "Oh boy, you look swell!" if he'd said anything at all.

The car waiting outside wasn't the cheap little coupe, but a luxurious convertible. Nancy looked at it curiously as her companion closed the door after her.

"A new car?" He shook his head. "No, not at all. I use the one to drive back and forth to the factory. I wouldn't like the other men working out there to get the idea I didn't need to lead trucks for a living."

"Of course." She leaned back against the soft cushions and stared out the window at the trees and the lake as they flashed by. She had never dreamed she could be so comfortable again. A memory of the street car passed through her mind, and she sighed happily. This might only be for tonight, but she meant to savor every moment of it.

Hugo Blake seemed to sense her mood and they drove out through the city and the suburbs almost in silence. Twilight had fallen and the air grown cool before they drove up before a fashionable dining and dancing spot on the outskirts of the city.

It was a place that had long been a favorite of the old Nancy Thorne. And tonight the new Nancy felt almost that she was returning to her former self. The man in the corner. There was the headwaiter, who bowed and smiled and said, "Good evening, Miss Thorne." He seemed to know Hugo Blake, too.

Meeting him away from the factory, in entirely new surroundings, Nancy was charmed by his new friend. The manner in which he ordered dinner enchanted her. Tom had used to thrust a menu in her hand and say, "Well, what do you want, kid?" Not Hugo Blake. He pondered over the selection of each dish, consulted her preferences and finally ordered what was to Nancy a perfect dream of a dinner.

She dipped a spoon into the chilled consommé the waiter set before her and smiled across the table.

"Happy?" Hugo Blake asked gently.

She nodded. "Wonderfully."

"You look charming in that dress, that's like a pale green cloud." She laughed. "I feel a little as though I might be riding on a cloud."

"That is how you should feel, always," he leaned forward a little, his face suddenly very earnest. "You don't belong in an office and a rooming house. This isn't the kind of life you were meant to have. You belong somewhere else."

He made an eloquent gesture. "Pretty clothes—fine motorcars—the best of everything. That's what you were intended for."

"Well, perhaps if I work hard, and always get to the office in time, maybe I'll get a raise some day." He shook his blond head, smiling. "There are other ways, better ones."

It occurred to Nancy suddenly that he talked of everything in the world except himself. She studied him curiously across the table, trying not to stare. He was flawlessly dressed, perhaps too flawlessly. He looked that casual, careless air other men she knew seemed to have. Certainly he couldn't be called handsome, with his heavy, muscular shoulders his round, amiable, almost stupid face, and his thick-lensed glasses. Well, no one could call Tom Cantwell handsome either. Tom was rascally and almost awkward, his brown hair was always tousled, and his lean, tanned face was downright homely.

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Enough of that, she told herself sharply. This was her first date in many weeks, it might be the last one for a long time, and she meant to enjoy herself.

"Shall we dance?" With surprise, she discovered that Hugo Blake was one of the best dancers she had ever known. It seemed to her that she could slip under the floor with him for hours, effortlessly like dancing in a dream. As the music swept her into another world she felt all the cares she had known slipping away from her. Even her thoughts of Tom all but vanished as she danced with Hugo Blake.

Late in the evening they drove home slowly along the lake, watching the glimmers of light on the water and the stars that shone overhead. To Nancy, it was like an enchanted world, one that had been created by magic just to exist for a night, and that would disappear just as magically, leaving only the bare little room and the drab everyday life behind. She wished it might never end.

Hugo stopped the car in front of the rowing club, snuffed off the ignition, lit a cigarette and sat looking intently at its glowing end.

"Now," he said, "we can talk."

Nancy laughed, almost uneasily. "We've been talking all evening, haven't we?"

"I mean we can talk business," Hugo Blake said. There seemed to be a change in his voice, a new seriousness.

She was silent, waiting for him to go on.

"I think we can be frank with each other," he said slowly. "I feel that I need keep nothing from you, knowing how you've been about John Bristow—and what your real reason for working for him probably is."

"I don't know what you mean," Nancy said feebly.

"Come now, you can drop any pretenses. Your friend Tom Cantwell told me all about it—how Bristow ruined your father in business and caused his death—and plunged you into a life of poverty. He didn't know how useful that information would be to me, but he gave it just the same."

Nancy started to speak, then caught herself.

Hugo Blake went on: "As soon as I knew that, and discovered you were working for John Bristow under an assumed name—obviously so that he couldn't detect your presence in his office—I understood right away what you were planning. But whatever you may have in mind to do to revenge yourself on John Bristow—it would probably be amiable, and futile, if you carry it out yourself. If you'll work with me, there will be a far better way. He paused and added "and in addition to accomplishing those ends—you may be able to make some financial profit as well."

In one breath-taking flash she understood just what Hugo Blake's real business was. Those confidential reports, stolen from the office files. The girl, Lucilla Hill, who had been fired for reasons that couldn't be made public. The difference between Hugo Blake's cheap little coupe that he drove to work and the expensive car he was driving now. And then, suddenly, as in a bad dream, she saw again that black sedan darting out from a side street toward the Bristow truck in an attempt to wreck it and its contents.

What had that truck driver said? "I'd rather stick. I'll take my chances."

She drew a long, tremulous breath. "Maybe," she said quietly.

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"you'd better be a little more explicit about what you want me to do."

She could see Hugo Blake's head tilted toward her in the semi-darkness.

"I think we do understand each other," he said slowly. "Can I count on your help?"

Only a split second passed before Nancy Thorne answered. "Yes, you can. Now what do you want me to do?"

(To Be Continued)

Finds It Helpful

Man Has Changed His Mind About Church Attendance

It is interesting to read the article by Roger William Rits in the American Mercury, under the title, "Why I Go to Church." On a sudden whim, six months ago, Mr. Rits entered a church, and thereupon started a survey of churches in general. Though he had scoffed at church attendance and had been one of those who say, "I'd rather go into the woods and worship alone," and claim that Sunday is their "day for loafing," he now states, "I am for the churches."

The churches of to-day, he finds "have something for civilization." After visiting Methodist, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Jewish, Congregational, and other churches, he observes that church attendance is bigger than the skeptics think it is, and, since last spring, has shown definite signs of increasing. Significantly, he adds:

"It is not without meaning that the nations where the churches flourish are the democracies, where the spirit of man is free. . . . We cannot defeat the destructive dynamics of Nazism and Communism unless we employ the constructive dynamics of the spirit."

In regard to church attendance Mr. Rits declares: "What I have liked most about going to church is that it turns one's attention, willingly, to higher things for at least a little while each week. That feels, to me, as though it were good for me."

Millions of other persons, too, it would appear, feel that it is good for them. There are even indications that men and women are feeling a need to extend that good beyond "a little while each week." For many, divine service has come to mean daily deeds as well as public worship.—Christian Science Monitor.

Not Our Battle Only

Millions Are Looking To Us For Their Deliverance

His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada: "We are fighting not only our own battle for our own freedom. There are millions of people throughout the world, and especially in occupied Europe, looking to us and to us alone for their deliverance. Never have we shouldered such an immense responsibility; never has so much depended on how we acquit ourselves. Let us have no 'craven fear of being great,' but let us give ourselves and steel our hearts and clench our fists and prove to all mankind, as we are proving every day, that we have never been so great as in this hour of trial; and let us pay the debt we owe to our fathers that begot us by ensuring that our children and their children, and all those who now suffer humiliation and defeat, will be beholden to us for their salvation, their freedom, their civilization."—Address at Toronto, January 20, 1941.

Repairs To Buckingham Palace

Two weeks' wages of an engineering foreman of the Anglo-Italian Oil Company has gone into cement for repairs to Buckingham palace. Ali Ahmed Ruban walked into the office of the government of Aden, handed over 100 rupees (\$33) and asked that they be used to help with the cement for repairing the King's house after the Nazis bombed it. This was done.

All Doing Their Bit

Every able-bodied young man on the tiny Stony Island, N.S., off Sherbrooke county, is serving with the navy, army, air force or merchant marine. Fifteen men are serving overseas with the Canadian army in Britain, and 13 each are with artillery batteries on this side of the Atlantic, and with the navy and merchant marine.

Had To Dodge Ducks

Ducks, with the law on their side, disrupted traffic at the airport in Spokane, Wash. Mating season created ponds all over the unpaved field. Commercial flying was almost at a standstill as pilots manoeuvred to dodge the ducks. But there was no shooting. The airport is in the middle of a game preserve.

Crab Has No Worries

Losing a limb or two or more is a trivial matter in the life of a crab. An article in Nature History notes that the crab has the remarkable faculty of replacing lost legs, claws and paddles, being able to lose eight or ten such appendages at one time and still carry on and develop new ones.

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Huge Vegetable Garden

London's Historic Hyde Park Divided Into 500,000 Plots

The best known park in London is Hyde Park, a place of historic interest as well as beauty. Its Tyburn tree was the scene of many public executions; it has been the scene of riots and demonstrations; it affords a forum for any man or woman to get up and speak so long as addition is not preached. To-day, it has become a huge vegetable garden.

The park is about 400 acres in extent, and a large part of it has been divided up by the Ministry of Agriculture, being Crown property, into more than 500,000 allotments of ten or five rods square. "Dig for Victory" is the sign placed on every one of these lots, and every plot owner, who gets the land free for the duration of the war, is given a booklet on how to grow vegetables in case he doesn't know. Before taking over the plots they were professionally trenched and manured so as to give amateurs a good start. It is estimated that a ten rod allotment will provide fresh vegetables for a family of five for eight months of the year.

No large city in the world is better off for parks than London. Within the police area there are over 15,000 acres of parks, heaths and commons, including such well-known places as Hampstead Heath, Blackheath and Clapham Common. Not all of the ground is suitable for cultivation, but most of it would be, and if the Government as well as the people were to become vegetable growers, London might be self-supporting so far as vegetables are concerned. Twelve or 13,000 acres of ground entirely devoted to vegetables, could supply the wants of a tremendous number of people. In addition to that, as so many English homes have gardens, which are not now devoted to the cultivation of flowers, it would seem that whatever there is a scarcity of it will not be vegetables. Perhaps the war will give impetus to the cause of vegetarianism if the people find they keep well without much meat. Vegetarians seem a healthy lot, and it should be no great hardship for people to switch over to vegetable dishes if they have to. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Guildhall

Some Of The Priceless Monuments Survived The Fire

The famous monuments in the Great Hall had a varied fate. One by the north wall in honor of Lord Nelson, with its eulogy by Sheridan, remained, but the wreath at the summit had crashed down, and the head of the principal recumbent figure at the front was broken off. Significantly the figures of Britannia and the British Lion were untouched, and the large base with ships in carved relief was unharmed. The huge monument to the Duke of Wellington, also by the north wall, was little damaged, except for the base, where large pieces of stonework had been broken off by masonry crashing from the wall.

The massive monument to William Pitt, Lord Chatham, also by the north wall, containing the impressive inscription by Burke, received little damage. Facing it, by the south wall, the figure of William Pitt the Second, with Canning's laudatory inscription and the surrounding figures, was also unharmed.—London Times.

A Famous Inn

The Old Cheshire Cheese In London Destroyed By Fire

The Cheshire Cheese, once the favorite eating place of Dr. Samuel Johnson, more recently a mecca for American tourists, was destroyed by fire recently. Cause of the blaze was undetermined.

Most of the relics which adorned the famous old inn on Fleet Street, London's newspaper row, were reported saved.

The first establishment bearing the name was wiped-out in the great London fire of 1666. Its successor had been damaged in the great German fire raid Dec. 29 on the city of London.

Germans dropped sea-mines to earth near Dublin by means of parachutes made of emerald-green silk. The color scheme seems to have been appropriate anyway.

Giving Evidence in Walthamstow

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PUBLICITY PARAGRAPHS

(Items taken from various publicity sheets received at this office.)

DIRECTOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

The 900 people of lonely Pictou Island (where the nutcrackers of the Bounty took refuge) have made a gift of 344 walking sticks for maimed men. The sticks are beautifully made. To obtain some of the wood used, the islanders had to sail, in their small boats, 100 miles to another island.

CANADIAN LEGION

Montreal, Feb. 12—(Special) Well in excess of one million cigarettes have been shipped overseas for free distribution among members of the Canadian Corps, Major-General W. Gibson, chairman of the "Buckshee Fund" has announced.

Since October 10 last year, when the first order for 100,000 was placed, donations from the public of pennies, nickels and dimes have made it possible to send regular shipments to the men. Some 50,000 were sent to Canadian troops in Iceland.

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Increased production of butter, cheese and other milk products is the outstanding wartime challenge facing the Canadian farmer in 1941. It is a real challenge too, considerably more difficult to meet than almost any other type of farm-production step-up. It did not take long to greatly increase the number of bacon hogs; but cows are different; it will take several years before dairy herds can be numerically enlarged. Besides, cows have to be milked twice a day, and farm help is rapidly drifting away from the farm to participate in other and higher paid wartime occupations.

T.M.C.A.

Believed to be the largest centre of its kind in Canada, the new T.M.C.A. Sports arena which occupies the International building in exhibition camp, Toronto, was formally opened on January 27 before a crowd of two

Viking Items.

The big news of the sporting world hereabouts the past few days has been the Edmonton bonspiel and the sensational playing of the rink skippered by Jack Slavik. The climax came on Saturday evening when a large crowd gathered in the Edmonton rink to see the finals between Tommy Dykes rink, of Edmonton, and the Slavik rink as above mentioned. In the crowd were dozens of Viking citizens and former citizens now resident in the city who were present to give their moral support. Each good shot by any member of the two rinks was loudly applauded, but from all sides they were pulling for Slavik to take the Grand Challenge.

Slavik's rink had no cinch either getting into the finals of the Grand Challenge. They had to defeat such well known curlers as Manahan, of Edmonton, Billy Rose, of Sedgewick, and Coburn of Daysland. Slavik's win over Manahan on Friday afternoon was hailed with great rejoicing not only here but in the city. Our boys received a great deal of complimentary publicity from the city sports scribes during the week, and Viking was placed on the curling map in a big way.

John Wilbur Wright was born in Cass City, Michigan on December 3, 1868. He came to Canada about 1900, settling in the Vegreville district. From there he moved to the Lorneville district, north of Viking, in 1929, residing there since that time. Mr. Wright died in the Viking municipal hospital on February 9th, 1941. He was predeceased by his wife in 1939 and by one daughter in 1920. There remain to mourn his passing from among them one brother and four sisters, all in the United States; also two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Rohrer of Irma and Mrs. Geo. Bridgeman of Vegreville; one son, Percy, of the Lorneville district; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the United Church at Viking, conducted by Rev. J. D. Woodliff of Jarow and Rev. H. G. Lester of Viking on February 11th at 2 p.m. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. H. Empey, A. E. Francis, A. H. Stewart, W. H. Beamish, Stanley Bridgeman and J. B.

Campbell. Interment was made in the Viking cemetery.

The popularity of the International Harvester Co. entertainment sponsored by N. C. Graham, local dealer, was well demonstrated by the large attendance both at the afternoon and evening show held last Friday. The evening show was followed by a free dance which was also highly enjoyed, old-time music being furnished by Cummings orchestra.

Many phases of power farming were shown on the screen with the various types of tractors doing actual work in the fields. The sturdiness of the I.H.C. trucks was ably demonstrated with pictures of the trucks being driven on the proving grounds laid out with all the hazards imaginable. Sound films of Their Majesties' visit to Canada and other entertaining and amusing pictures were highly enjoyed. Between films, Mr. Summers of the I.H.C. Edmonton branch, explained various types of machinery and how to get the maximum power out of them. One point that was well taken was the care in using the proper kind of oil in Diesel engines so as to make for efficiency and long life.

The Viking creamery association is well represented at the dairymen's convention being held in Edmonton this week. Among those present are Tom Berg, Geo. A. Loades, Lars Wollen, R. H. Roddick, H. S. Peterson, A. A. Burnham, and J. J. Skilitzky. Willie Currie, son of W. H. Currie, is at Fox Nelson with a dog team hauling supplies for six air bases that are being constructed in that area. He left here about the first of the year and expects to be busy most of this season.

As a result of investigation by the Dominion radio inspector here last week as to radio interference, it was discovered that much of this has been caused by electric heating pads and steps are being taken to eliminate this source of interference if possible. A banquet and reception for the Slavik rink is being planned by the executive of the Viking curling club, possibly Saturday evening, in the Viking hotel.

The Calgary Power staged their home making demonstration in the Elks hall on Monday evening before a fair sized crowd. The demonstration dealt with the proper kind of lights, combination of curtains, arrangement of pictures on the walls, etc. Past and future lighting systems were also shown and altogether the affair was most interesting and instructive. On account of illness the usual lady in charge was unable to be present, so a mere man was pressed into service and did a pretty good job of it. At the close the company presented some handsome and useful prizes to lucky ticket holders. The entire proceeds of the affair amounting to \$10.00 was donated to the Viking Red Cross Society.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Enger of Ennis, Alta., spent last week-end at the home of their son Martin Enger, and also visited Mrs. Alma Enger and family.

Mrs. G. Holt visited her father last week-end who is quite ill in Calgary. A large crowd took in the free show by the International Harvester Co. on February 6th. The dance in the evening sponsored by the hockey club was not so well attended.

The annual meeting of the electors and ratepayers of the Irma S.D. No. 2435 was held in the school house on Saturday evening, February 8th, with an attendance of 24. Mr. J. W. Milburn was appointed chairman. The various reports were accepted and several items pertaining to the district were discussed such as the high school agreement and the necessity for the addition of another class room. Mr. A. E. Peterson was re-elected as trustee by acclamation. A vote of thanks was extended to the board for services rendered.

A meeting of the board of trustees of Irma S.D. No. 2435 was held on February 10. Mr. J. W. Milburn was appointed chairman and E. W. Carter secretary-treasurer. Regular meetings will be held in the village office the second Monday in each month.

As Mr. Sharkey and those of his family at home were preparing to sit down to supper last Monday evening, February 10th, someone turned on the radio in time to hear a part of the program "With the Troops Overseas." This program which is a CBC presentation every Monday evening at 5 p.m., in part consisted of hockey game in London between teams representing eastern and western Canada. Mr. Sharkey and the others at home were agreeably surprised to hear the announcer mention his son's name. James Sharkey, right winger of the western team in the play by play broadcast of the game. Following the game, which was won by the westerners, each player came to the mike and said hello to their folks at home. It is a wonderful age in which we are living.

Mr. Jack Savard left here for Trenton, Ont. Feb. 6th, where he will train with a heavy armored brigade.

A lovely surprise shower was given in honor of Miss Lois Horn on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Fletcher. The program consisted of delightful refreshments by Mrs. Dorothy Judd and Miss Marjorie McFarland, also piano selections by Miss E. Stewart. Then following a trail of "Oscar" alarm clocks the guest of honor found piles of lovely and useful parcels carrying the best of wishes for her in her marriage which takes place shortly, to Mr. Fred Jack. The hostesses, Mrs. R. Kasten, Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. J. Fletcher, served a delicious lunch to bring a very happy event to a close.

C.N. RAILWAYS

Montreal, Feb. 12—The London, Eng., staff of Canadian National Railways are still "carrying on" in the cockspur St. office despite repeated bombings according to word received at railway headquarters. To date the London office has escaped serious damage, although one bomb landed 50 yards from the office, blowing the front windows to fragments. After the blast paving blocks were found on the roof.

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I have just returned from a visit to Oklahoma, and drove day after day over a large part of the state. I could find nothing whatever that even remotely resembled anything that I had read in this book. Instead I saw in almost every district well tilled fields, fine farm homes, excellent farm buildings, and farming families apparently moderately prosperous.

It is true that in one small part of Oklahoma a bad drought prevailed for several years, just as prevailed in parts of western Canada. But even in this area, I discovered, the majority of the Oklahoma farmers, just like our farmers in western Canada, steadfastly and courageously endured through the drought years, and waited patiently until the better years came, living thoroughly up to the spirit of the old Chinese agricultural poem, written over 3,000 years ago about a drought in ancient China, and which poem concludes "But I will strive just as long as I can survive."

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